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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :
Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Subcommittee on Oversight, House
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
Chairman Les Aspin (D., Wis.) Open Hearing
on CIA and the Media Scheduled for 0900 to
1200 hours on April 20, 1978

1. ☐ Action Requested: Approval of the attached witness list and briefing sheet.

2. ☐ Background: Chairman Les Aspin has been holding hearings intermittently since mid-January 1978 on the subject of CIA's relationship with the media. These hearings have all been open and have included former DCI, William Colby, as well as several Ambassadors and a variety of journalists. Chairman Aspin has stated that he has trouble with the "Journalists and Staff of U.S. News Media Organizations" (attached) and that he would prefer to see the regulation recast. It is significant, however, that he has no problems with the current implementation of the regulation, only its wording and possible future implementation.

3. ☐ Attached is a list of questions that we believe the Subcommittee will ask you. We are presently in the process of obtaining answers to them.

4. ☐ Members of the Subcommittee on Oversight, in addition to Chairman Aspin are Representatives Clement J. Zablocki (D., Wis.) and Bob Wilson (R., Calif.). Almost

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certainly, other Members will attend the hearing. Attached are biographic cards on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence membership.



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